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# Alumni Columns

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# Fall Semester Graduates

Graduates of the fall semester will receive their degrees on January 21, 1949. This is the first time in the history of the College that degrees have been conferred upon the graduates at any time other than the end of the spring term or semester and at the end of the summer session.

Seventy-six graduates will have degrees conferred upon them at the graduation exercises at 7:30 p. m. A Senior Day program will be given at 11:00 a. m. on the date of graduation.

Candidates for the A.B. degree are Mrs. Marjorie Jo Adams, Georgetown; A. Gerald Avant. Downsville; Mrs. Dorothy McGraw Benoy, Derry: Virginia Josephine Blanchard, Rayville: Byron L. Collins, Pollock; Jack Lamar Colton, Natchitoches; William A. Davis, Alexandria; Mrs. Ruth Bonnette Gaines, Natchitoches; Mary Lou Hardy, Breaux Bridge; Dois Glynn Harvey. Zwolle; Leslie John Humble, Alexandria; Mrs. Jettie Jane James, Doyline; Margie Hilda Knight, Boyce; Mrs. Ruth Makar. Natchitoches; Clyde J. Miller, Alexandria; Mrs. Pauline Polk Dowden, Pineville; Ralph A. Rousseaux, Slidell; Mrs. T. J. Sibley, Natchitoches; Claxton W. Teer, Hall Summit; Doris L. Tullos, Winnsboro; and Mrs. Harriette Hawthorne Turner, Provencal.

Candidates for the B.S. degree are Charles G. Bandy, Pollock; Catherine Jane Batchelor, Ringgold; William E. Baucum, Haynesville; Ben A. Belk, Belcher; William J. Benton, Jena; Era Dolores Bernard, Effie; Mrs. Patty Jean Rushing Coffey, Coushatta; Alma Elizabeth Collier, Oakdale; Gene Frank Copeland, Leesville; James Milton Corley, Natchitoches; Elaine Angela Corry, Arizona; Ben George Crocker, Natchitoches; Lallah Hill Cunningham, Natchitoches; Eugene Booth Duco, Hanna; Minnie Marie Durr, Marthaville; Yvonne Edwards, Many; Annie Elizabeth Eznack, Flatwoods; John Ivan Falkner, Bossier City; Sybil Elaine Fontenot, Mamou; J. B. Martin Foote, DeRidder; Eddie Gallien, Jr., Natchitoches; James Howard Garrett, Coushatta; Vicholas J. Genna, Beaumont, tion.

Texas; George W. Graves, Pol-(Continued on Page 3)

BUSINESS BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION



The Business Administration building is rapidly taking shape as the contractors move along with the completion of the concrete work for the framework of the building. The Home Economics building has reached about the same stage of construction as the Business Administration building, and while the two buildings are slightly different in style and arrangement, they are about the same size. Other renovation and repair projects on the campus are getting underway with Old Social (Religious Building or Old Model School) being practically demolished. The lumber will be used in the wood work of the new Religious building. Foundations are poured and progress is being made on the new dairy on the lower end of Chaplin's Lake. Remodeling and new work on the dining hall is going forward as fast as possible under the handicap of keeping at least half of the building open for use while working on the other part of the building.

# **ALUMNI**

# Here 'n There

# Stinson Honored by Citizens at Melville

More than 50 people from many Louisiana communities attended a testimonial dinner at the Melville High School gymnasium on December 12 to honor Milton Hamilton Stinson, A.B. '27, for his thirty years of continuous service as principal of the Melville High School.

Former students of Mr. Stinson came from Opelousas, Melville, New Iberia, Port Barre, and all surrounding communities for the occasion. The event was planned by the M. H. S. Alumni Association.

A bronze plaque was presented by John Able, representing the

citizens and alumni of the school, to Mr. Stinson in recognition of the 30 years of service to the school, community, religious and civic organizations.

As a material tribute to Mr. Stinson, a drinking fountain was installed on the campus. It was accepted by Superintendent S. A. Moncla for the Parish School Board, who commended the splendid work done by Mr. Stinson in Melville.

### Aiken Elected to Head Rapides Schools

Ewell S. Aiken, A.B. '23, was elected superintendent of Rapides Parish Schools by the Rapides Parish School Board at their January meeting.

Mr. Aiken has been connected with the schools in Rapides Parish as teacher, principal, supervisor, and assistant superintendent

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# Teacher of Admiral Nimitz Passes On

Miss Alma Hammett Fulton, graduate of the class of 1890, passed away Friday, December 31, 1948, in a Shreveport hospital at the age of 82 years.

Daughter of Rev. Jesse Fulton and Lucy Ann Hammett, pioneer families of Natchitoches Parish, Miss Fulton entered the "Normal" with the first class and would have graduated in the class of 1886, but because of crop failure she dropped out of school and re-entered later to finish with the class of 1890.

Miss Fulton taught over 50 years in Louisiana and Texas. One of her most cherished memories was that she taught Admiral Nimitz in Kerrville, Texas, and helped coach him for his examinations when he entered the U. S. Naval Academy.

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### EAST CAMPUS IN 1902



East dormitory on the left, and the matron's building, formerly the Bullard mansion (center). The wings added to each side of the old Bullard mansion constituted the buildings of the convent, which later became the Louisiana State Normal School. This building is, according to legend, the first home of the "Ghost," who moved to Caldwell Hall recently.

# Again

It is midnight of January 15. 1949. Suddenly the silence of the night is broken by low moans and sobs coming from the Religious Building (Old Model School). The moans grow louder and louder, the sobs become shrieks, planks begin falling, chains start to rattle, and then, to make matters worse and add to the confusion, bells start ringing in the dormitories. The whistle and siren at the power plant add their blasts and screeches to the eerie sounds.

Students come pouring out of the dormitories, curious, fearful, wild-eyed, expecting-they know not what. An apparition moves out of the partly dismantled Religious Building. It is a ghost! A beautiful young ghost, lovely even in ghostdom. She is accompanied by two other ghosts. Yes, not one, but three (every good, well established ghost has at least two assistant ghosts).

They move quickly toward Caldwell flall as the screaming, yelling students start out in pursuit. But self-respecting glosts will never permit mere mortal beings to eatch them, and so they rushed into Caldwell Hall ahead of the pursuing mob. And true to ghost without regret. tradition, the specters immediately disappeared.

Search as they would, the milling crowd could find no further War. We were so happy together ment. trace of the ghosts-only a few then, but he, choosing to defend

to the second floor. So now, the ghost of early days has found a new home, and in Caldwell Hall she will take her refuge until, in the far distant future, mortal man will again destroy her abiding place.

Tradition has handed down the story that the "Ghost of Normal," when forced to move from a building that is being demolished, always selects for her future home the oldest building remaining on the campus. With the demolition of old Model School, the ghost had to move into Caldwell Hall. Be that as it may, the day following the move out of old Model School, the following letter, slightly amended, was found:

> 11:45 Post Mortem January 15, 1949 Old Social, N. S. C.

Dear Mortal Friends:

For me there is no rest-no lasting peace. Once more my weary spirit must seek refuge within alien halls, once more must I tear myself away from the familiar scenes of my resting place of the past decades. Long were the nights I have spent within these walls; many the silent hours of sorrow. And one cannot depart from the place of one's anguish

Once I, too, knew the happiness of youth and love. That was before the dreadful years of the Civil ing its future growth and developdrops of blood (ghost blood) on the land he loved, went forth with who was in Chicago on business,

N. S. C. Ghost Moves the first step of the stairs leading the Army of the Confederacy. And when he did not return, I felt that I could no longer endure a life in the world among my friends and associates who, at least to all outward appearances, were living lives filled with love and happiness-and I toyed with the little silver dagger.—The little silver dagger gleamed so entrancingly that I thought "not in life perhaps, but . . .

Always I have been forced to move-on and on. Last night I shivered and moaned as I resigned myself to the knowledge that once more I must go forth into the coldness of the night to seek refugein Caldwell Hall.

And now, tonight, I tear myself away - - - -

# DeSoto Alumni Elect Webb to Head Local Group

DeSoto Parish alumni of Northwestern State College met on December 13 at the Mansfield High School and organized the DeSoto Parish Unit.

President Joseph E. Gibson addressed the group. He explained the work the alumni could do and asked their cooperation in holding up the high traditions and standards of the College and in further-

J. W. Webb, alumni president,

wired his felicitations to the group. A

Mr. John T. Moseley of Keatchie, beloved retired DeSoto principal, delighted the crowd with his humorous anecdotes and reminiscences of the College as he knew it under President B. C. Caldwell during the period of 1896 to

The following officers were elected:

President, J. J. Webb: vice president, Ruby Dry; secretary-treasurer, Bessie Matthews Smith; members of the Board of Directors, May Huson and Palma Coody Lafitte: correspondent, Susie Chaffin.

The meeting closed with a social hour. Delicious refreshments were served by a committee composed of Ruth Pullig Martin, Fayrene Hanson Webb, Claudine Robertson Love, Bessie Matthews Smith, Ruby Dry, and Mae Henry.

Forty-eight charter members were signed up at this initial meeting of the DeSoto Parish Alumni.

# Red Cross School Is Ranked Second in Nation

Attendance at the American National Red Cross aquatic school conducted on the campus last summer ranked second among the six regular schools conducted throughout the nation in 1948, A according to Oliver Allen, director of safety services for the Southeastern area. In a letter received by Mr. Guy W. Nesom, head of Department of Health and Physical Education, it was stated that only Camp Carolina, Brevard, North Carolina, enrolled a greater number than the school held here.

One hundred and twenty students and staff members made up the total attendance at the school on the campus last summer.

Instructors trained at the Red Cross Aquatic School here totaled 87 in first aid and 18 in water safety.

Facilities at Northwestern, including the natatorium and Chaplin's Lake, make it an ideal site for the annual Red Cross program. Mr. Nesom and some of the members of his staff have assisted in conducting the program each year since their inauguration.

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# Alumni-

(Continued from Page 1) during the past thirty years. He is recognized throughout the state as an able and capable school man and is most deserving of the promotion that has been given him. He will succeed Superintendent H. M. Wells, who is retiring from the office this year.

Serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association for many years, Mr. Aiken has always been keenly interested in promoting the work of the association.

Our best wishes for a most successful administration in his new office go to Mr. Aiken.

We are indebted to Mr. J. W. Bateman, Department of Education, for his letters of encouragement and lively interest in the Alumni Association. Mr. Bateman is a graduate of the class of 1904 and a former president of he Alumni Association (1911-12). He was a member of the faculty of the "Normal" for several years in the Agriculture and Biology lepartments.

Mr. Bateman has his office at 120 Stubbs Hall on the LSU campus. Even though he is a very busy man, he writes that he takes time out to read each issue of the LeMier, Bastrop; Howard Pierce Alumni Columns.

A.B. '27, superintendent of Louisi- Arkansas: Odell Randall Moore,

ana State School for the Deaf, states that he thinks the picture printed in the last issue of Alumni Columns depicting the secretary pouring coffce is a "smear cam-paign" and suggested that somebody should be arrested. Anyway, the social event was lots of fnn and quite an experiment.

A recent letter from Ray Perrin, ex '46, of 634 Common street, New Orleans, stated that he was not married as had been reported, but was still a member of the bachelor colony. This is to correct a statement made in Alumni Columns, September, 1948, issue referring to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perrin at 3321 Prytania, New Orleans. To avoid further complications, the Ray Perrin mentioned in this article is originally from Ponchatoula. (Incidentally, there is another Ray Perrin, hence the error. We got them mixed up).

# Graduates—

(Continued from Page 1) lock; Henry D. Gray, Springhill; Norman L. Gunn, Derry; Jimmie Hillman, Lena: Doris Jean Huckabay. Harmon; Mrs. Marguerite White Hudson, Monroe; RaMona McCollum, Montgomery; William L. McCuller. Bossier City; Per-A letter from Spencer Phillips, melia Elizabeth Martin, Waldo,

### PHIL AND PAT STEELE



Pat and Phil Steele, ages 5½ and 1½, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Steele of 3807 North Swan Ridge, Memphis, Tennesee. Mrs. Steele is the former Bobby Montgomery, A.B. '37.



An etching of the three columns now standing on the campus, by Barbara Campbell Gibson, 8400 Dixon Street, New Orleans, La.

Vivian: Laura Elizabeth Murray, Alexandria; Janie C. Palmer, Minden; William R. Parks, Nat-chitoches: Morgan D. Peoples, American Mathematical Society, Natchitoches; Mrs. Mary Margaret McKee Pharis, Haynesville; Howard Allan Porter, Jr., Winnfield; Millie Jo Pulley, Bossier City; Jack W. Rogers, Heflin; Walter R. Scott, Natchitoches; Ernestine J. Speights, Clare; Frances Sue Thomason, Ville Platte; Willis F. Ward, Natchitoches; Nonie Elizabeth Weaver, Natchitoches: Mavis Kathleen Westbrook. Many; James Oliver White, Bastrop; William Robert Winfree, Leesville; Helen Woodard, Rodessa: Julius Edward Yellott. DeQuincy: and Stephen Gilbert Youngblood. Mansfield.

# Faculty Notes

Several members of the faculty of the College attended out-ofstate meetings during the holiday

Robert Easley, assistant pro-fessor of Business, attended the Sigma Tau Gamma convention in Chicago, December 28-30.

He was named second vice president of the national organization. He was accompanied to the conference by Wallace Sandifer, Pineville student, who was an official delegate of the local chap-

Mrs. Lilian Gerow McCook and Mr. W. Edmund Durham, members of the music faculty, attended the Music Teachers' Association meeting in Chicago.

Dr. W. R. Hutcherson, professor of Mathematics, attended the Mathematics Association of America, and National Council of Teachers of Mathematics at Columbus, Ohio, December 28-31.

Mr. Alvin Good, professor of Sociology, attended the meeting of the American Sociological Society in Chicago, December 26-30. He is a member of the executive committee of the society, elected to that position by the Southwestern Sociological Society to represent it on the executive committee of the national organization.

Dr. Robert B. Capel and Mr. W. Frederic Plette of the Department of Languages, attended the national convention of the American Educational Theatre Association at Washington, D. C., December 28-30. Mr. Plette spoke to the convention on the subject "Finding the New Play."

Miss Lafaye Stinchcombe, assistant professor of English, attended the American Business Writing Association in St. Louis, December 27-29. She served as Louisiana's representative in a panel discussion on the teaching of business correspondence.

Miss Eve Mouton, assistant professor of French, attended the convention of the Modern Language National Association in New York, December 8-30.

# Swim Team Swamps Tulane, 56-16

The Demon swimmers swamped the Tulane swimmers Saturday night. January 15, in the College natatorium by racking up eight first places out of nine events.

Bill Dudley, Olympic star from Tulane, gave an exhibition of the free style swimming but did not compete in any of the events.

Carl Quaintance gave a diving exhibition for the crowd. leaving the competition in that event to two of his fellow teammates.

Results of the meet were as follows:

300-YARD MEDLEY RELAY Won by NSC team of Ford. Hennessy and Countryman. Time 3 minutes 37.9 seconds.

20-YARD FREE STYLE Gunn (NSC), Belk (NSC), Reiss (Tulane). Time 2 minutes 25.7 seconds.

50-YARD FREE STYLE Branch (NSC). Quaintance (NSC), Hamilton (Tulane). Time 25 seconds.

DIVING CONTEST Gaston (NSC), Hennessy (NSC).

100-YARD FREE STYLE Gunn (NSC), Tucker (Tulane), Newman (NSC). Time 57.2 seconds.

100-YARD BACK STROKE Branch (NSC), Shaw (Tulane), Ford (NSC). Time 1 minute 7.8

100-YARD BREAST STROKE Westerman (Tulane), Prestridge (NSC). Time 1 minute 25.2

### CONSTANCE ELAINE DeNUX



Constance Elaine DeNux, age 4, 2148 North Dorgenois Street, New Orleans.



Swimming coach, John Piscopo, is shown telling the boys the events in which they will compete in the NSC-Tulane dual swimming meet held in the natatorium on January 15. Reading from left to right are Carl Quaintance, Little Rock, Arkansas; Hamilton Prestridge, Natchitoches; Jeff Hennessy, Monroe; Coach Piscopo; James E. Countryman, Little Rock; Ben Belk, Belcher; Leroy Ford, Natchitoches; and Jack Gaston, El Dorado, Arkansas. Other members of the team, not shown in the picture, are Mickey Gunn, Little Rock, Arkansas; Buddy Newman, Natchitoches; Jack Branch, Little Rock; and Henry Pere, Houma. Following the Tulane meet will be meets with Southern Methodist University, Baylor University, Texas A. & M., Auburn, Birmingham YMCA, Florida State University, and Pensacola Naval Air Station. Home-and-home arrangements are scheduled with Baylor University and with Pensacola Naval Air Station.

140-YARD FREE STYLE Belk (NSC), Reiss (Tulane). Time 6 minutes 10.1 seconds.

400-YARD FREE STYLE RELAY

Won by NSC team of Quaintance. Branch. Gunn and Countryman. Time 4 minutes 4.2 seconds.

# Cupid's Doings

MISS MARGUERITE PERKINS, B.S. 45, of Lake Charles, and MR. JAMES GREY MARSTON, JR., of Shreveport, were married on December 20 at the Catholic Church of Christ the King in Bossier City. They will reside at the Marston plantation at East Point.

MISS GENE ELIZABETH HILL of Shreveport and Mr. John Littell McConnell of Alexandria were married in Shreveport at the First Methodist Church on December 19. The bride and groom have returned to the campus to continue their studies as both of them are seniors.

MISS DOROTHY MAE MOSES, A.B. '15, of DeRidder, and MR. WILLIAM WARREN McFATTER, also of DeRidder, were married during the Christmas holidays at Pine Grove Baptist Church.

Mrs. McFatter received her degree in Library Science from of Santa Cruz, California, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Eunice Berwick Bonvillion, ex '18, of Voung couple, will reside in Lake on December 21, 1949. The voung couple will reside in Lake on December 21, 1949. The voung and won over Phillips University. young couple will reside in Lake on December 21, 1949. The young and won over Phillips University, Charles, where Mr. McFatter is lady will answer to the name of 61-53.

tion Company.

Arrington, A.B. '35, of Florien, 1942. were married in the chapel of the First Methodist Church in Shreveport on December 18. the Rev. Cecil W. Williams, pastor of the First Baptist Church of DeRidder. officiating.

Miss Frances Jones, B.S. '46. of DeRidder, and Mr. Joe Hen-NIGAN of Fields, were married on January 1 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. N. Orillion in Plaque-

The bride is a teacher in the Hyatt High School, and the groom is a vocational agriculture teacher in Beauregard Parish. They will make their home in DeQuincy.

MISS VERA LILLIAN PINE, A.B. '40, of Long Beach, Calif., formerly of Natchitoches, and Mr. George P. Fleek, also of Long Beach, were married December 18 in the Bayshore Congregational Church.

The bride is a teacher in the North Long Beach public school. The couple will reside in Long Beach.

## Births

employed by Sabine Transporta- Myrtice Ann. The mother is the former MARY MYRTICE SIMPSON, MISS MYRA EUGENIA WYCHE of A.B. '43. and Mr. Allen received Benton, and Mr. Lawson B. his degree from the College in

# Basketball

Demons Win Nine, Lose Three

The Demon basketball team, with Stoutamire and Waggoner leading the scoring efforts, are practically one-half through a 25game schedule with an impressive .750 percentage.

In Gulf States Conference play, the Demons have won three and lost one, with all four games having been played away from home. Conference games played thus far have been with Loyola, Spring Hill College, Southwestern and Southcastern. Loyola defeated the Demons by a score of 57 to 43, but the Demons outplayed Spring Hill, 65-60, Southwestern, 52-48, and won a thriller over Southeastern, 69-67.

Outside the Conference, the Demons walked away with two from Barksdale Field by scores of 99-35 and 88-30; split two games with Western Illinois. 53-56 and 56-50; defeated Central Oklahoma State, 63-49; and in the Enid, MR. AND MRS. W. WARREN Oklahoma, tournament defeated





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